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### **International Special Review District Board announces candidates for annual election**

**October 20, 2011** (SEATTLE, WA) – The 2011 International Special Review District Board election will be held Tuesday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bush Asia Hotel, 409 Maynard Avenue South, in the basement level conference room.

Three board positions are up for election:

- Position #1 for a District Business Person, Property Owner or Employee;
- Position #2 for a Resident, Tenant or Community Participant; and
- Position #4 for a Resident, Tenant or Community Participant.

Nominations closed Tuesday, October 18. Six candidates were nominated, and candidate information is provided below for each position. Brief candidate biographies will be available at the polling place on the day of the election.

Three candidates are seeking Position #1 - Business Person, Property Owner or Employee

**Brien Chow** is a Chong Wa Benevolent Association Board member, a member of the Downtown District Council and he serves on numerous committees within the neighborhood. Brien is a lifelong Seattle resident who has been involved in the District in various capacities throughout his life, including working with the Seattle Chinatown Dragon Team. Brien was elected to the Board in 2009 and is running for a second term.

**Sue-May Eng** is the Vice President and Secretary of the Chong Wa Benevolent Association, an instructor for the Seattle Chinese Girls Drill Team, and Vice President of the Chinese Parents Service Organization. She was raised in the Chinatown International District and is interested in helping to improve and preserve the neighborhood.

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**Joann Ware** works for Interim CDA as an Architectural Fellow. By contributing to the ISRD Board, Joann hopes to cultivate a lively and healthy community that values its rich history. Prior to joining Interim, Joann worked for BLRB Architects and received a Master of Architecture degree from the Rhode Island School of Design which included coursework in historic preservation.

One candidate is seeking Position #2 - Resident, Tenant or Community Participant

**Marvin Rosete** is on the Board of Directors for the Filipino Chamber of Commerce and works for the Robert Chinn Foundation. He has over 14 years of experience with non-profit and public organizations, with particular focus on Asian Pacific American communities. Marvin has worked on projects related to American ethnic history, human services, and the performance arts. Marvin was elected to the Board in 2009 and is running for a second term.

Two candidates are seeking Position #4 - Resident, Tenant or Community Participant

**Tamblyn Alexander** is a resident of the Chinatown International District who has a background as an attorney and an interest in history and design. Tamblyn considers the Chinatown International District one of Seattle's historical gems. Tamblyn has a particular interest in functional design and believes her interests could contribute to discussions about the balance between history and commerce in the District.

**Ching Chan** has participated and volunteered in numerous neighborhood events over the past three years, including the Friends of International Children's Park, Jam Fest, and Dragon Fest (formerly Summer Fest). She was also an advisor on the INS Building Project. Ching is interested in the ways in which historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization can work hand in hand. Ching has a Master of Urban Planning degree with a specialization in Urban Design.

The special character of the Chinatown International District is recognized and protected by City Ordinance. In 1973, the International Special Review District Board was created to preserve, protect and enhance the cultural, economic, and historical qualities of the District. The Board is made up of seven members - five elected by the Chinatown International District community and two appointed by the Mayor. Board members' terms are for two years and members may serve up to two consecutive terms. To learn more about the election and the International Special Review District please visit <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/id.htm/>.

The current board members are Brien Chow, Misun Chung Gerrick, Bill Lee, Rich Murakami (Chair), Josh Osborne-Klein, Julia Park, and Marvin Rosete. The terms for Messrs. Chow, Osborne-Klein and Rosete will end in November 2011. Messrs. Chow and Rosete are running for reelection.

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The International Special Review District is coordinated by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Program. Seattle Department of Neighborhoods provides programs and services that engage residents in civic participation, foster stronger communities, make government more accessible, and preserve and enhance the character of Seattle's neighborhoods.